

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 572

By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. John Garrott for
laudable service to the people of Tennessee and
congratulate him on receiving the Citizen of the
Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
persons who through their personal efforts have distinguished themselves as community
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. John Garrott, who is the recipient of the
2000 "Citizen of the Year" Award presented by the *News Examiner* of Gallatin; he is a lifelong
resident of Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, the word "history" in Sumner County is synonymous with this exemplary
man; Mr. Garrott is the official county historian, and his passion for the past is brought to life
through the outstanding historical restorations that are visible throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garrott not only is involved with the physical preservation and
restoration of the area's historic homes and landmarks, he is also a prominent member of
several historical organizations; and

WHEREAS, he is a charter member and past President of the Bledsoe's Lick Historical Association, a member of the Sumner County Historical Association, and past President of the Rose Mont Foundation; he also served with great probity as the President of the local Museum Association; and

WHEREAS, he inspired and led the establishment of the Sumner County Museum through his substantial manpower and financial assistance; a walk through the museum will reveal many of his contributions of historical artifacts; and

WHEREAS, an amateur archaeologist, he has unearthed numerous Native American artifacts in the county, creating a spectacular collection that he has loaned to the Sumner County Museum; and

WHEREAS, among his many endeavors, Mr. Garrott still finds time to lend his remarkable talents to carpentry and furniture restoration; and

WHEREAS, he is an expert wood craftsman, he has graciously donated several pieces of beautiful antique reproduction furniture in order to raise money for the restoration of the Rose Mont Mansion which was built in the 1840s by Judge Josephus Conn Guild; and

WHEREAS, he has been instrumental in overseeing and supervising the work done on several historical restoration projects in Sumner County, including that of the Rose Mont Mansion, the Bledsoe Fort Historic Park, Wynnewood, and Cragfont; and

WHEREAS, he has also lent his expertise to the difficult project of moving the Rogan's Irish stone cabin from its unreachable location to Bledsoe's Fort Park in Castalian Springs; and

WHEREAS, his family-run business, Garrott Bros. Ready Mix Concrete Plant, was founded by Mr. Garrott and his brother; they successfully developed it into a substantial regional supplier in Sumner, Trousdale, Macon, and Robertson Counties; and

WHEREAS, a truly humble man, Mr. Garrott epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; he is known for his willingness to help others, even when no one else steps forward on the tough jobs; and

WHEREAS, John Garrott is most grateful for the love and encouragement he shares with his wife, June; Mr. and Mrs. Garrott live in the Levy Ring House that was built in the 1830s, and was lovingly restored by the devoted couple; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud parent of Betsy Hunter, Johnny Garrott, and Jane Sudbury; he is also a devoted grandfather; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout and valued member of the First Presbyterian Church in Gallatin; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Garrott for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. John Garrott for his service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate him on receiving Gallatin's Citizen of the Year Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.